Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), numbering more than 2,200, have been integral members of the healthcare team in South Dakota for the past 56 years; and,

Whereas, Licensed Practical Nurses are recognized as specialists in basic skilled bedside nursing care who exercise sound nursing judgment based on educational preparation and provide that nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices and private homes; and,

Whereas, By providing the continuance of Licensed Practical Nursing, the state recognizes the value of the Licensed Practical Nurse in the health field and recognizes the contributions and dedication of Licensed Practical Nurses to provide for the health and well-being of South Dakota citizens; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Licensed Practical Nurse Association fully supports and recognizes all LPNs for their dedication to the nursing profession and their continuing efforts in offering quality health care statewide; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Licensed Practical Nurse Association will hold its annual conference at the Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, South Dakota, on April 22 and 23, 2007, with emphasis on this year's theme, "Care, Comfort and Chronic Illness":

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 22 – 28, 2007, as

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES' WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all South Dakota residents and healthcare providers to recognize the many contributions of the LPN.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State